

YOU CANNOT HANDLE THE TRUTH

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After Jack Nicholson spoke these famous words in the movie “A Few Good Men”, the line became an instant classic. This short quote reveals the disappointing fact, that most people really can't “handle the truth” about serious life issues. As a result, many of humanities major problems, arise by denying or avoiding most of life's realities. The first truth is that all human life will end, but the denial comes when the cause of death and the possibility of eternal or spiritual life, is debated. Simply, we have to choose between a purposeful, God created universe, or a meaningless and loveless evolutionary accident, where we can be our own God.

Let's look at the primary views of the two top rated spokesmen for each side of the argument.

1. Richard Dawkins (popular modern atheist). *‘The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but blind, pitiless indifference’... He refuses to see any form of intelligent design or purpose in our universe and its contents, but rather debunks failed religious views, which the bible itself also debunks. He offers nothing more than illogical and incomplete theories.*

2. Jesus Christ (God's son). **JOH 16:13** Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth** (Holy Spirit), is come, he will guide you into **all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.* Jesus Christ himself was not backward at rejecting failed religion as well, but he offered a workable alternative backed with signs, miracles and wonders (the revelation of truth). They couldn't handle the truth in his time, so they killed him. The human race has a track record of killing God's people when they face inescapable evidence or judgment. Most cannot handle the fact that God makes them **accountable for their choices**... so when faced with judgment, we tend to blame everyone else. The first example was In the Garden of Eden where Adam blamed both God and Eve (Gen 3:12) for his own failing and Eve blamed the Serpent (v13) for her bad choice. They couldn't even handle giving a truthful answer.

*People will go to great lengths to deny God, both his existence and his Gospel. **JOH 3:19** And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. God isn't hiding the Gospel and its power; almost everyone denies or hates the truth.*

*Despite miraculous evidence, most disciples couldn't handle God's truths. **JOH 8:53** Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. **54** Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. & **58** This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. & **60** Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, **This is an hard saying**; who can hear it? **61** When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? **62** *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? **63** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, **they are spirit, and they are life.** & **66** From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. **67** Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? **68** Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. *Some recognised the truth about death.**

*Here is one of the greatest, ‘You Cannot Handle The Truth’ moments in the bible. **ACT 7:51** Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye. **52** Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the **betrayers** and **murderers**: & **55** But he (*Stephen*), being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, **56** And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. **57** Then they cried out with a loud voice, and **stopped their ears**, and ran upon him with one accord, *Much the same as the ‘offended’ PC media?* **58** And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. **59** And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. **60** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

The solution: speak and live by the truth; those who have a genuine love of truth, will hear what you say!

REV 12:11 And they **overcame** him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the **word** of their **testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death. *Everyone will face God and will receive the results of their choices... without exception.* **ROM 1:20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are **without excuse**: *If people cannot handle the truth now, how are they going to handle facing eternal death??*